AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a clip, comprising:

providing a sheet of material defining a plane;

removing one or more portions from the sheet to ~~provide~~form a clip comprising a generally-annular body including a plurality of looped elements defining a periphery, and a plurality of tines extending from the body within the plane; and

deforming the clip to a transverse configuration, wherein the tines extend out of the plane.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sheet comprises a nickel-titanium alloy.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising coating at least a portion of the clip with a therapeutic coating.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising creating a radiopaque marker on at least a portion of the clip.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein deforming of the clip to the transverse configuration comprises loading the clip onto a delivery apparatus.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising heat treating the clip with the tines extending within the plane to program a shape memory of the sheet of material before deforming of the clip to the transverse configuration.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising compressing the looped elements to a compressed state to reduce a periphery of the clip.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the looped elements are compressed when the clip is deformed to the transverse configuration.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising coating at least a portion of the clip with a hydrophilic polymer.

10. (New) A method for manufacturing a clip, comprising:

with a sheet of material defining a plane, removing one or more portions from the sheet to form a clip comprising a generally-annular body including a plurality of looped elements defining an outer periphery and an inner periphery and a plurality of tines extending from the body within the plane, each of said plurality of tines extending from a first looped element of said plurality of looped elements from a first portion of the inner periphery to a second portion of the inner periphery; and

deforming the clip to a transverse configuration, wherein the tines extend out of the plane.

11. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising heat treating the clip with the tines extending within the plane to bias the clip to a generally planar configuration.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the sheet comprises a nickel-titanium alloy.

13. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising coating at least a portion of the clip with a therapeutic coating.

14. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising creating a radiopaque marker on at least a portion of the clip.

15. (New) A method for manufacturing a clip, comprising:

positioning sheet of material, the sheet of materials defining a plane;

removing one or more portions from the sheet to form a generally-annular clip comprising:

a body including a plurality of looped elements defining an outer periphery and an inner periphery;

a pair of primary tines extending from the body within the plane, each of said primary tines extending from a first looped element of said plurality of looped elements from a first portion of the inner periphery toward a second portion of the inner periphery, said primary tines being offset one to another; and

deforming the clip to a transverse configuration, wherein said primary tines extend out of the plane.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising heat treating the clip with said primary tines extending within the plane to program a shape memory of the sheet of material before deforming of the clip to the transverse configuration.

17. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising compressing the looped elements to a compressed state to reduce a periphery of the clip.

18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the looped elements are compressed when the clip is deformed to the transverse configuration.

19. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein removing one or more portions from the sheet further comprises removing one or more portions to form one or more secondary tines.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said one or more secondary tines have a length shorter than a length of said primary tines.